

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action of June 5, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 9-12 and 18-20 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 13-17 and 23 stand allowed.

Claims 9-12 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Claims Are Now in Condition For Allowance

The Examiner's allowance of **claims 1, 2, 6, and 13-17 and 23** is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner explains in his 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection that "the Specification states on page 2, lines 16-21 that the projections can be metal particles, but fails to provide support for rounded metallic particles." While Applicants do not agree with the Examiner based on Fig. 3 which clearly shows the claimed "rounded surfaces of the conductive metallic elements", it would appear that there are no other rejections identified in the present Office Action, and therefore, removing the objected language would place the application in condition for allowance. Because the Office has deemed the objected language to be new matter, it is presumed that the Office has considered the claim without the objected limitation. The Office has not rejected the claims based on prior art or for any other reason not provided in the present Office Action, so it is presumed that the Office would not have any further issues or any need to conduct a further search. Such issues or search would have been required for the present Office Action. If the Office identifies any further issues, the Office is expected to withdraw the finality of this action, as any contrary action would be petitionable.

The Present Amendment Should Be Entered

The present amendment should be entered as reducing the issues on appeal. Specifically, for the reasons set forth above, this amendment eliminates the

35 USC 112 rejection. Moreover, for the reasons set forth above, entry of this amendment will not require further search or consideration. Accordingly, this amendment should be entered.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 1, 2, 6, and 9-23 distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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